

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract appearing on the last page of the translation as shown in Appendix II.

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# APPENDIX II

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Abstract ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The invention relates to an~~ An automotive shell structure ~~(1) comprising~~ includes two longitudinal members ~~[(2)]~~ which are arranged one on each side of the shell structure ~~[(1)]~~ and are provided with energy-absorbing elements ~~[(3)]~~ at their front-facing ~~[[end]]~~ ends. To increase the protection for vehicle occupants in the event of an impact, it is proposed to provide additional ~~means for~~ energy absorption ~~[[which]]~~ to channel impact energy into other regions of the shell structure ~~[(1)]~~ in a controlled manner.

~~(Fig. 1)~~